

66. A gaming device, comprising:

at least one processor including:

a first logic circuit configured, in a primary game of a first type, to randomly assign symbols from a predetermined set to a plurality of image sites;

a second logic circuit configured to identify at least one selected payline;

a third logic circuit configured to evaluate whether a winning combination of symbols exists upon said at least one selected payline;

a fourth logic circuit configured to evaluate whether a trigger event has occurred along at least one selected payline; and

a fifth logic circuit configured to initiate a bonus game of said first type if said trigger event has occurred;

memory associated with said at least one processor;

at least one input element in communication with said at least one processor; and

a display in communication with said at least one processor.

67. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said symbols comprise card symbols and said predetermined set comprises a digital deck of cards.

68. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said symbols comprise slot machine symbols.

69. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said at least one selected payline comprises a payline upon which a wager has been placed.

70. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said winning combination of symbols comprises a winning poker hand.

71. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said winning combination of symbols comprises at least predetermined number of like symbols or a combination of like symbols and wild symbols.

72. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said trigger event comprises the presence of a trigger symbol in said at least one selected payline.

73. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said trigger event comprises the presence of a predetermined or pre-specified combination of symbols along said at least one selected payline.

74. The gaming device of claim 66, further comprising a sixth logic circuit configured to evaluate whether another trigger event has occurred at a predetermined or preselected trigger site of said array.

75. The gaming device of claim 74, wherein said another trigger event comprises the presence of a predetermined or preselected trigger card at said predetermined or preselected trigger site.

76. The gaming device of claim 74, further comprising a seventh logic circuit configured to increase an award by a predetermined or preselected amount if said another trigger event occurs.

77. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein said at least one processor, said memory, said at least one input element, and said display are contained within a single housing.

78. The gaming device of claim 66, wherein, following or concurrently with operation of said first logic circuit, said at least one processor is programmed to cause said display, by

way of signals transported along carrier waves, to show said array, including symbols at their respective, assigned image sites.

79. The gaming device of claim 78, wherein, following or concurrently with operation of said fourth logic circuit, if said first trigger event has occurred, said at least one processor is programmed to cause said display to depict said a bonus game.

80. The gaming device of claim 66, further comprising a communication component configured to facilitate communication between said at least one processor and at least one processor of at least one of another gaming device and a central computer.

81. A gaming device, comprising:

at least one processor programmed to:

randomly assign symbols from a predetermined set to a plurality of image sites;

identify at least one selected payline;

evaluate whether a winning combination of symbols exists upon said at least one selected payline;

evaluate whether a trigger event has occurred along at least one selected payline; and

initiate a bonus game of said first type if said trigger event has occurred;

memory associated with said at least one processor;

at least one input element in communication with said at least one processor; and

a display in communication with said at least one processor.

82. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said symbols comprise card symbols and said predetermined set comprises a digital deck of cards.

83. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said symbols comprise slot machine symbols.

84. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said at least one selected payline comprises a payline upon which a wager has been placed.

85. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said winning combination of symbols comprises a winning poker hand.

86. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said winning combination of symbols comprises at least predetermined number of like symbols or a combination of like symbols and wild symbols.

87. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said trigger event comprises the presence of a trigger symbol in said at least one selected payline.

88. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said trigger event comprises the presence of a predetermined or pre-specified combination of symbols along said at least one selected payline.

89. The gaming device of claim 81, wherein said at least one processor is further programmed to evaluate whether another trigger event has occurred at a predetermined or preselected trigger site of said array.

90. The gaming device of claim 89, wherein said another trigger event comprises the presence of a predetermined or preselected trigger card at said predetermined or preselected trigger site.